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THE STATE CONVENTION

We are accustomed to say of each convention that it was the best ever. But many times candor compels us to say it with the fingers crossed. Not so with the 1941 convention. There were three points in which this one really excelled.

First, in attendance. The editor has attended every Oregon state convention since 1905, and we are quite positive that in that time there has never been so large an attendance. The registration reached 2,250, a mark never before reached. Usually there have been exceedingly high spots in the attendance, and correspondingly low spots. The drop from the session when the women have given their reports to the next day have been painful sometimes. But from Tuesday night until the closing session on Sunday the audiences numbered around 500. Nearly 1,400 took of the communion service on Sunday afternoon. The attendance goals had something to do with the increased attendance, but not all. People came because they were interested in the program.

Second, the program was an attractive one. Our guest speaker, Victor P. Morris, is so well, and so favorably, known that people expected something extraordinary. Nor were they disappointed. His messages on the "Unshaken Kingdom" were an uplift and inspiration. Then too, the morning classes were a distinct success. Eight different courses were offered, of which each person might select two. The classes were large, some of them too large. A most favorable reaction was heard concerning them. Justice would require that each teacher be given his, or her, share of credit for this work. But space forbids that, and we mention only the name of Wilbur C. Parry, who so ably deaned the conference. Already requests have come for a repetition of this school next year.

Third, The spirit of the convention. The spirit is something you cannot see, handle, or hear talk. But you can feel it very plainly. There have been conventions when the thing one felt was not pleasant. But there was not a single indication of a bad spirit in this convention. Brotherhood and fellowship had right of way. People were happy.

Many people have asked, "What happened to the State Secretary's report?" The only answer is that the committee did not make a place for it. Probably the majority of people did not miss it. We shall not take the room to reproduce it here unless the Publishing committee orders it. But it is sufficient to say that the total offering for state missions amounted to $5,152.90. This exceeded the budget for the year by nearly $400.00. The amount expended in the budget was $4,752.35, of which $927.35 was for administration expense.

The convention offerings were also above the usual We have counted $300 as good offerings for convention expense. This year they ran to above $600. With a tidy profit on the restaurant (thanks to the good management of Mrs. Lee) we will be able to make a payment on our indebtedness. The expenses ran high. What with placing new beds in the dormitory, and cleaning the septic tank, a big hole was made in total receipts.

The new State Board elected was:

President, ... Arthur Charles Bates

District V. Ps., ... Claude P. Sabin, W. H. Lyman, T. M. White, Reuben W. Coleman, J. Frank Cunningham, and Cecil Warner.

Secretary, ... C. F. Swander

Recorder, ... Chas. H. Addleman

Treasurer, ... H. Wilbur Torgerson

Educational, ... Chairman of com.

Youth Com., ... Ralph L. Putnam

The Educational Committee are: Mary Harding, Wilbur Rolla Hensley, A. B. Cromwell, Thompson L. Shannon, Alton Brostrom, and Len B. Fishback.

Not many legislative actions were taken. A communication from the International Convention Committee was reported which asked Oregon to accept a quota of 250 paid pre-registrations to the convention at Oakland in August, 1942, and suggesting that all state conventions on the coast be limited to one day next year. By unanimous vote the first part of the suggestion was adopted and the second part rejected.

A beautiful pulpit Bible was presented to the convention by Edwin R. Errett and the Christian Standard. The appreciation of the convention was expressed by a rousing vote.

Following their election the state Board met in brief session and voted to make B. Ross Evans a full time evangelist the coming year, with adjustments to be made with the Ninety and Nine for giving them some service.

Many other things worthy of record here were minutes of the convention which neither the space of the paper nor the patience of the reader permits.

MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. John R. Howard, President

A great gathering of our missionary women (perhaps the largest in our history) assembled on Thursday of the Turner Convention to hear three great missionary addresses by representative leaders—Clifford Jope, representing U. C. M. S.; Mrs. Walter Menzies, of Pendra Road, India; and Mrs. H B. Marx, National Secretary of the Women's Work. A message from the outgoing president, Mrs. Grace Hendricks, was read by Vice President Mrs. Gertrude Mossberger. It was a matter of universal regret that Mrs. Hendricks, who has rendered such splendid service during her Presidency, could not attend the convention this year. The women were thrilled by the glorious victories and truly splendid progress indicated by the annual report of the Secretary. Some of the high lights of the report were—$764.80 raised for the James McCallum Evangelistic work in China, more than $1,000 above the goals was raised, and this does not include the gifts to the Travel Emergency Fund, or the British Stranded Missionaries, or the returns from Income Day. When all the receipts are in the total will go over $9,000 for the year. 23,175 books were reported as having been read. Falls City received the award for the highest per capita reading—30 books per member. Falls City Juniors also received the award for reading. Cecile Harding Circle of Eugene First Church took the honors for the Young Peoples groups. Highest per capita giving was reported by the McMinnville group. Mrs. Frances Hyland Young People's Superintendent, reported a membership of 400 in the young people's groups with an offering of $430.81. Mrs. Nellie Inman, out-going Children's Superintendent, reported a membership of 707 and an offering of $140.32. World Call subscriptions were advanced from 994 to 1,041.

The Nominating Committee presented the names of the following women who were elected to serve for the ensuing year: President. Mrs. John R. Howard, Corvallis; Vice President (World Call and Book Club Superintendent), Mrs. C. L. Mossberger, Portland; General Secretary, Mrs. E. F. Leake, Hood River; Recorder, Mrs. Nellie Harrison, Salem; Treasurer, Mrs. Leah May, Forest Grove; Young People's Superintendent. Mrs. Ansel Hyland, Eugene; Children's Superintendent, Mrs. Laura Torgerson, Portland; District Secretaries: Mrs. Ray T.

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NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN HOME

Mrs. Laura K. Hill, Sup't.

On June 30 death took from Northwestern Christian Home Brother James Freestone. He was born January 20, 1853, and entered the Home in Walla Walla from Milton February 11, 1925. Funeral service was conducted by Brother Springer, of Beaverton.

Mrs. Mary F. Roberts is the newest member of the Home family. She has been an active worker in our churches in Polk County for many years and came from Independence on June 14.

Mrs. Gulliford, who passed her 91st birthday on June 24, was sent fare by her only grand-daughter, and on July 3 left by train for Los Angeles for a visit.

Mrs. Hill took a carload of the family to state convention on each of the four days. All stood the trip well and greatly enjoyed the day at the convention.

Members of the Board of Supervisors whose terms expire this year were re-elected by the state convention. Brother Jesse Canright, of Portland Central Church, was elected to the unexpired term for which Brother David Reed resigned on account of other work.

The family greatly enjoyed a visit from Mr. and Mrs. J. Eric Carlson and their dauughter Margaret while Brother Carlson was working on our movie which we expect to have ready for field use by September

Among recent visitors at the Home were Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Clemmer, of St. Louis, who were here on July 4. Mrs. Clemmer is a member of the Central Board of the National Benevolent Association.

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MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS

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Bennett, Portland; Mrs. Ben Johnson, McMinnville; Mrs. W. O. Livingstone, Vernonia,; Mrs. Arlouin Mick. Albany; Mrs. Velda Haldeman, Drain; Mrs. Julia Gregory, Medford; and Mrs. R. J. Kitchin, La Grande.

A word of appreciation should be spoken concerning the consecrated service of those who are retiring from office this year. Without exception they have given unstintedly of their time and strength for the advancement of our work, and the victories of the year are due in no small measuure to their loyalty and devotion. Those retiring from office this year are Mrs. K. C. Hendricks, Mrs. D. B. Murphay, Mrs. R. B. Cummings, Mrs. J. D. Inman, and Mrs. A. E. Gardner. While severing their official connection with the work we may be sure they will not cease to serve and to afford us every possible advantage of their experience and training.

The nine missionary men who are left in China gather each Sunday evening before their radios to receive messages from the United States. The General Secretary was instructed by the women at the Turner Convention to send a fifty word personal greeting to James McCallum to be transmitted from Norman Page Station KGEI, San Francisco. The message sent was as follows: "To James McCallum, Nanking, China. Oregon societies gathered at Turner Convention unite in personal greeting with assurances of continued interest and prayers. May every needed grace be given you as on our behalf you proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ in your field of supreme need and opportunity. The Lord bless thee and keep thee. (Signed) Mrs. E. F. Leake."

VOICES FROM THE WORLD FIELD

Guy Inman, our missionary statesman, interpreter for Cordell Hull at the Lima Conference: "The center of civilization has moved from the old world to the new. The center of Latin civilization has moved from Paris to Rio de Janerio. English culture from London to New York." "No ruler of South America dare say they are not in favor of democracy."

Van Deusen at the World Call program: "The predicament of educators is that they do not know what the world of tomorrow will be like—like Abraham we go out to a land unknown." "If there were in other nations a comparable group of Christians at the heart of the nation as in China, there would be no war." "China is the world's most Christian government."

Jessie Trout, of Japan: "Converts coming forward to make the good confession are all asked, 'In the face of persecution will you remain true?"

Dr. Hagan, China, distributed 5 tons of clothing and hospital supplies last year.

Edna Whipple Gish, China, after thanking America Christians for the promptness of the arrival of the evacuation fund said that in Nanking alone 70,000 were starving. A soup made of wild grass. flour, and water, is their food once a day.

Stella Tremaine, of China: "Stupendous burdens are borne by the Chinese leaders. They are slowing starving on too slender salaries as it now takes 80% of their salary to buy rice."

Margaret Lawrence, China: "Surely the China Church has been tested and stood. 50,000,000 trekked step by step ahead of the invaders. The churches were open and full. The Christians marched forward singing—not praying for safety, but witnessing for the church.

Dr. Dye: "The steamer Oregon has 10,000 preaching miles a year going to 994 villages."

Already our women have enthusically launched upon the work of another year —officers have been elected, goals are being set, and programs of service adopted. The timely theme for our united study for the first six months of the year will be "Christianity and Democracy in America." The study will deal with "democracy as a way of life, not a political system. It will recognize that the ideal of democracy as a way of life has its rootage in the Bible, and will search for ways in which Christianity may help to develop and maintain this ideal." Never has the world presented such a picture of needs, and suffering, and tragedy. Never has the church faced such an hour of opportunity—in China, South America, Africa, India and the home land. If the church fails to meet this opportunity of service, that opportuunity may not present itself again for another 100 years. We are called in this year to go apart and pray, and to go forth to serve!

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH N. C. C?

All the contributors to this paper were notified in June that their copy must be ready by July 15 for the July-August issue. The copy from the college had not yet arrived on the 16th so we were compelled to fill the space with other matter and hand copy to the printer. Sorry Kendall!

NORTHWEST CHRISTIAN HOME
(From, Page Two)

From the national conference of our workers in benevolence came the slogan, "The Church must care for its own." That is what Northwestern Christian Home helps to do.

Cash contributions from Oregon for the maintenance of Northwestern Christian Home during the past year amounted to $2,651.65, a gain of $319.89 over the preceding year. That is still a little behind the contribution from Washington. For the first time the total contributions from the four states in our area have passed $6,000. Rising prices threaten to outrun the income gains.

Rising prices and the short crop in some fruit causes anxiety about our food supplies. Friends who fill jars or supply food crops that do not need canning will be a real help again this year.

This summer has shown considerable gain in the garden and flowers about the place. The grass is getting well started in our out-door parlor and the men have made some tables for lawn parties.

We extend a cordial invitation to come and see the Home when you are passing this way.

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KENDALL E. BURKE, D. D.

It is with pleasure that we congratulate our good friend and fellow-worker, and President of Northwest Christian College, on the handle recently placed to his name by Butler University. No man in our brotherhood has better earned it. To him, in greatest measure is owing the status of Northwest Christian College. In all earnestness we salute thee!

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ADDITIONS SINCE LAST REPORT

Nyssa, 22 confessions and 5 others in meeting by Ross Evans. J. S. Beem is pastor.

Redmond, 3 baptisms, 2 others. Gene Robinson and Lorance Dossett are now in a meeting there. H. L. Porter is pastor

Estacada, 9 baptisms and 2 otherwise in a meeting held by O. J. Morris. Palmer Ford, of Portland, is pastor. The building has been painted and attendance at both church and school is increasing.

Carlton, 13 baptisms and 3 others since first of the year. Eldon L. Wood is pastor.

Wallowa, 4 added in May. Arvil O. Hurt, Pastor.

Mill City, 4 baptisms in two weeks meetings by Earle Miller. W. S. Crockett Pastor, Vincent Hall preached for the church July 6, and 7, giving pictures of Egypt. Two girls made the confession. The Sunday School met at Gates for a Fourth of July picnic.

FOR CHURCH OFFICERS ONLY

The cost of living is rising. It is an average of at least 10% above what it was one year ago. It will go still higher. The salaries of most preachers have been entirely too low for the lower cost of living. They will be wholly inadequate for the increased cost of living. There is more money in circulation now than a year ago. The large offerings at the state convention is conclusive proof of that. The time has come when inadequate salaries should be made adequate. Out of 81 salary rates reported this year 50 are under $1200 per year. One hundred dollars per month in this day should be the minimum salary we expect a minister to work for. We are appealing especially to this group of churches to do something about it. Not all can do the same thing; but everyone can do something. We are making this suggestion—that every church paying less than $1200 per year give an increase of at least 10% now, more as soon as possible, and a larger increase where justified. You will find the returns in more effective service.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

The young people's conference at Turner, closing on July 6, was an experience in the lives of 109 young people that was worth far more than the cost to them. By the time this will be read another 75 will be meeting at Cove is Eastern Oregon. During the summer the service camps at Fir Point, Bear Springs, and Fall Creek will be held. Added to these are the Boys' Camps at Turner and Fir Point. Still in addition to these are the many local group retreats over the state. They will be leaving an impress upon youth that cannot be valued in dollars and cents. With the thousands of our youth who have none of these advantages we can only say, May youth development increase, through whatever avenue. It is almost certain that before another year the mailed fist will be reaching out and taking the boys of 18 years. They will be taken into a new world. Christian training before they go is worth more than all they can get while in the service. Give them all the advantages possible now.

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ROBINSON AND DOSSETT

This evangelistic team has been called to be state evangelists of the state of Washington. We regret to lose them from this state, but we rejoice with them in the honor received by this call. We know that they will do justice to the confidence thus imposed. You are welcome back any time you can come.

NINETY AND NINE NEWS

Ray C. Smith, President

The men's Bible Class at Turner, June 29, had a total attendance of 319 and gave an offering of $42.00. Aldis Webb, of the Standard Publishing Co., brought a real challenge, and remarked that while the laymen of Texas were the "prayinest", and the men of Oklahoma were the "eatinest", the Ninety and Niners of Oregon were the "singinest"' bunch he had seen in his travels.

Other portions of the convention program sponsored and enjoyed by the men were the banquet, the Saturday afternoon rally, the orchestra led by Earl Noble, the Tan-Ditters' singing, Ross Evans' stirring message, the base ball game (won by the preachers), the great men's chorus directed by Claude Neely, and the tract display conducted by K. I. Dixon and G A. Harvey. Over 2,000 tracts were taken and many inquiries were made concerning men's work in the local church.

The State Executive meeting on Saturday was attended by 22 men from six districts. as follows: Mid Columbia, Carl Harmon; Douglas, Eldon Ogle; Coos Bay, Harold Stone; Southern, A. C. Bates; Yamhill, Art Parrish; McKenzie, Vic Harshizer, Will Jesse, Medford Jones; Northwest, Doc Beatty, Martin Lee, Art Bailey, Ray Naze, Charles Addleman, G. M. Beatty, H. J. Dewees; State Officers, Ray Smith, Ed Dewees, Cleve Hudson, K. I. Dixon, Clair Martin. State Evangelist Ross Evans reported his work to us. Aigi Kamakawa, of N. C. C., told of his desire to preach to the Japanese in America, and A. C. Bates, Chairman of the State Board, brought greetings from that body and expressed pleasure in the purpose of our work.

PICTURES AND BUTTONS

The pictures of the large men's class at Turner are now available at 45c each, post paid, and the new gold lapel buttons are also ready at $1.25 each. Send orders with remittance to Clair Martin, 7703 S. E. Harold St., Portland.

STATE CONVENTION

The State Ninety and Nine convention will be held at Central Christion Church, Portland, on Monday, October 13. Hold this date open and make plans to attend. Committees in charge will be led by the following men: local arrangements, Art Bailey; registration, Clair Martin; bed and breakfast, Jesse Canright; publicity and promotion, Glen Meek, Harold Keelen, and Hugh McCallum.

Next year's work will be planned and outlined by a committee including the following: Dr. C. R. Beatty, Ed Dewees,

C. H. Addleman, Clair Martin, Northwest District; Orville Wagner, M. Kullowatz, Art Parrish, Ernie Chamberlain, Willamete District; Carl Harmon, Mid. Columbia; Cleve Dudson, Evangelism; and Lloyd Arnett, Boy's Work.

A nominating committee was appointed as follows: Earl Soward, Corbett; L. R. Neal, Silverton; Ed Reasor, Salem; and Lloyd Arnett, Portland. A mass "setting up" meeting of all members of these committees well be held in the convention church on Monday evening, July 28th.

HERE AND THERE

Newly elected officers of Willamette District are, Martin Kullowatz, Albany; Orville Wagner, Salem Court St.; Charles Losh, Salem. Claude Neely delivered a stirring message at the Newberg rally in June on the subject, "When Men of Christ Arise." O. J. Hull presided over this meeting and it was good to see him able to be on the job. Del Tripp is still a very sick man and desires the prayers of Christian friends. Cleve Hudson visited, and spoke before, the men's class at Albany, stressing personal evangelism. Since the election word has come that Martin Kullowatz will again be living in the Portland area. He will be greatly missed in the Willamette district.

Len Fishback, pastor at Baker, reports an activity among the men over there including a summer camp for their own boys with plans under way for an eastern Oregon boys' camp next year.

Ivan Correll, pastor at Glide, has written for help in outlining a plan of work for the men of that church indicating a growing interest since the rally held by Ross Evans.

The Eugene downtown mission, sponsored by students of N. C. C., is now being led by Medford Jones and conversions are frequent. McKenzie district will furnish New Testaments for this work.

McKenzie District rally was held at Springfield, May 26, with 46 men. Gene Robinson, Art Edwards, and Jean Shelley, were in charge of the program. The next rally will be held July 28.

Clair Martin, of Sellwood, is the new president of Northwest district, succeeding Dr. Beatty, and Art Bailey, of Central, is secretary.

Douglas County men were assisted by Ross Evans in setting up a temporary organization with Eldon Ogle, of Roseburg, as chairman, and Ernie Snodgrass, of Myrtle Creek, secretary.

Gospel teams in Northwest District are busy these days supplying pulpits, holding meetings, etc., under direction of Cleve Hudson, having held meetings at Corbett, Cascade Locks, Englewood, Kern Park, and Vernonia, with a waiting list.

A conference of Ninety and Nine leaders from both Oregon and Washington was held on Centralia July 10 the men voted to include personal evangelism in their state program. Brothers O'Connor, Kelly and Mills, were reelected and Orval Peterson, of Yakima, became pastor adviser.

The men at Ellensburg, where Teddy Leavitt is pastor, are sponsoring their own boys' camp this year and the churches in the Spokane district are putting on a camp for both boys and girls of intermediate age. Oscar Cooper is director.

GONE ON AHEAD

MRS. WINNIE SMITH, died at her home in Hood River on May 30. She had been a faithful member of the Valley Church, and also at Odell. She used her talents for God. She was buried from the Hood River Church on June 3, the State Secretary conducting the service.

ALVA B. BROWN, of Portland, died on June 12. He had been ailing for many months. A long time member of the First Church he will be greatly missed from his accustomed seat. Dr. Shannon had the last service.

MRS. O. W. JONES, wife of the pastor at Turner slipped away at the hospital on Sunday morning, July 13. She was taken suddenly ill about three weeks before. The state secretary conducted the last rites at Salem on July 15.

The sympathy and kind thots come from many friends to all of these bereaved ones. We are assured that "better things" await them where they have gone.

OUR EVANGELIST

The meeting at Nyssa conducted by evangelist Ross Evans resulted in 24 confessions and 6 other responses. Previous to this meeting Brother Evans held five men's rallies in Eastern Oregon with good results. The Ninety and Nine supported this months work and we feel that the $72.00 spent was a wonderful investment. During the month of June $50 was invested in the meeting at Oakland, also led by Brother Evans, and reports indicate that we did not labor in vain. We expect to use B. Ross Evans again for a month following September 21, and would like to send him where he can build up and establish the unused man-power of the church.' Any pastors, or others, who have a real problem should communicate with the state president at once for the assignment of dates.

BOYS CAMPS—LAST CALL

Remember Southern Oregon Camp at Fir Point, July 27-Auguust 3. Northern camp at Turner, August 3-10. Howard Cole and Gene Robinson, Directors, assisted by capable men from N. C. $5.00 pays for everything.

NEWS NOTES

C. F. Trimble has resigned at Drain to take effect in August.

Gilbert Carey is preaching at Odell

The Medford church has purchased a parsonage. Now the preacher will have a place to lay his head. At this time it is R. W. Coleman

Mrs. R. W. Coleman, Medford, recently underwent an operation. She came through in fine shape and is on the road to recovery.

Dufur celebrated their 50th anniversary on July 13. Earl Downing is the fortunate pastor of this church.

Holly Jarvis leaves Bend for Turlock, California. It is almost like "Hello! Goodbye;" He has done splendid work, and we regret his going.

C. Alton Brostrom will take the work at Englewood in August. He has given splendid service in Ashland and will be much missed there.

Guy V. Ferguson, recently pastor at Englewood Portland has bought a print shop in McMinville

Art Stanley is due at La Grande about the first of August. This church is fortunate in getting as consecrated and capable team as Art and Thelma.

Kenneth Hendricks has accepted the work at Yamhill. He and the church are both fortunate

Chaplain Clyde A. Fleming is located at the Air base in Portland. He and his wife have identified themselves with the Englewood church.

Earle Miller has resigned the pulpit at Sheridan and will devote himself to evangelistic work. His home will be in Salem.

O. J. Morris is a recent accession to our ranks from the Baptists, being shown "the way of the Lord more perfectly" by Elery Parrish. He will devote himself to evangelism. and can be reached for dates at 4614 No. Commercial St. Portland.

Wilbur Torgerson, Pastor of St. Johns Church, recently was given a trip to Washington, D. C., by the Portland Council of Churches to attend a peace gathering.

O. D. Harris had resigned at Dallas and has received a call to Pendleton. He leaves one good church for another.

W. I. Palmer has resigned at Grants Pass. He is open to call by some good church. We commend him.

Lieut. Vincent C. Hall, of Jamaica, has been visiting churches in the state since the state convention. He is going now to California.

B. Ross Evans is laboring with the church at Ontario this month. He is almost a god-father to them. He is meeting with success as he always does.

Kenneth Hendricks, Yamhill, dropped in the office recently. He is delighted with his reception there.